

anniversary. 'It was a bold innovation. Everybody laughed. Nobody thought it would be successful. Not only did we quickly become number one, but we have been able to maintain that number one position for a very long period of time,' Sean Hannity said.

'FOX News finished the first quarter of 2022 as basic cable's most-watched network, crushing CNN and MSNBC for the 81st straight quarter during a busy news cycle that included Russia's" hideous "invasion of Ukraine," sadly, "the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, and round-the-clock political news."

"Over the last 25 years, Hannity has interviewed newsmakers, including former President Trump, former Vice President Mike Pence, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu . . . and most recently, award-winning actor and director Sean Penn. Hannity is also the author of four New York Times bestselling books."

Congratulations, Sean. Thank you for providing America with news we can trust by telling the truth.

I have another personal interest. Our family really appreciates newscasters. My oldest son, Alan, the attorney general of South Carolina, married the leading newscaster of South Carolina, Jennifer Miskewicz, of WIS-TV. Because he married over his head, he was elected the youngest attorney general of the United States.

As I conclude, as the co-chair of the French Caucus, I congratulate President Emmanuel Macron on his reelection. America appreciates our first ally with extraordinary representation by Ambassador Philippe Etienne.

We stand together for the people of Ukraine and with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

#### SKYROCKETING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, this week, I hosted a seniors' townhall in my district in which many had concerns about their access to long-term care, the price of prescription drugs, and their Social Security benefits.

Every day, 10,000 Americans turn 65 years old. That is 65 years of raising families, paying their taxes, protecting our country, and building our communities.

After six decades of working hard for this country, they have the right to the benefits and resources they have earned for retirement. We do not need to cut benefits but, instead, expand access to the full range of long-term care services that help seniors within their communities.

Unfortunately, it has become far too expensive for middle-class friends and families to care for our seniors. Prescription drug prices are a major component of the overall cost of caring for the elderly.

While Medicare part D pays for some medications for those enrolled in the plan, it is reported that over 65 percent of our seniors' prescription drug costs are out of pocket. No American should ever have to break the bank to pay for lifesaving care.

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But today, too many Americans are forced to make the decision between paying their bills or buying their pills.

Democrats have been fighting to bring down healthcare costs and lower prescription drug prices by holding insurance companies and drug companies accountable while strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

In his State of the Union Address, President Biden announced an initiative to improve quality long-term care for our Nation's beloved seniors and people with disabilities.

The announcement uplifts what I have long championed: every person in the United States deserves to age with dignity, respect, and access to quality healthcare.

These actions will be part of a long-overdue comprehensive reform to protect the welfare, safety, and rights of seniors and people with disabilities living in nursing homes.

Our country and our economy are stronger and healthier when every American has access to quality, affordable healthcare, and long-term care.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure these issues are addressed and that we support and look out for our Nation's seniors.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 46 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TONKO) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, again we lift up our prayers to You on behalf of the people of Ukraine. After one of the holiest weeks in the Orthodox Church, though they were once companions in belief, with whom sweet fellowship was possible in the House of God, the wicked have sown confusion. The evil continue to spread threats and lies.

We appeal to You to speak into both sides of the conflict. Judge the betrayal of brothers in faith and enlighten them to Your truth. Allow

those who have remained faithful to Your will, who live according to the loving example You have shown us, who adhere to Your word, to have their voices heard above the fray of falsehood and propaganda.

In Your infinite mercy, answer the voices who cry out to You in distress. Bring redemption to the innocent from the horror besieging them. Give refuge to those who ardently defend their cities from the unthinkable violence and strife.

Holy God, comfort those whose hearts are anguished. Calm those who are beset with fear and trembling. For in You, our Lord, is our only hope. We pray to You for Ukraine's deliverance.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALBERG led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### MILITARY HISTORY IS IN JEOPARDY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm on an urgent situation that requires the Federal Government to deploy an emergency response.

A retired U.S. Navy vessel at the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park is sinking. Without help, the USS *The Sullivans*, which was part of an elite class of World War II destroyers and is a national historic landmark, will be lost forever.

The visual of a partially submerged ship in Buffalo's harbor provides a vivid warning that irreplaceable military history is in jeopardy if we don't act.

This isn't the only vessel in need of support. Maritime heritage grants, national preservation programs, and the Department of Defense are potential